

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAKAR 05422 171739Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-10  
NSAE-00 PM-05 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 DLOS-09 EB-08  
TRSE-00 DOTE-00 CG-00 L-03 /090 W  
-----059932 180645Z /14

R 171705Z JUL 78

FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4948  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY CONAKRY  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMCONSUL CASABLANCA  
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO  
USCINCEUR  
AMEMBASSY BANJUL POUCH  
AMEMBASSY BISSAU POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 5422

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, PINT, SG

SUBJECT: SENEGALESE SEIZE TWO SOVIET TRAWLERS

REF:(A) DAKAR 2929, (B) 76 DAKAR 8214

1. ON JULY 6, SENEGALESE PATROL BOAT SEIZED TWO SOVIET FISHING TRAWLERS WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY POACHING ABOUT 10 MILES OFFSHORE. THIRD TRAWLER EVADED CAPTURE. TWO SHIPS ARE CURRENTLY DETAINED AT DAKAR PORT AND GOS HAS REQUESTED PAYMENT OF CFA 100 MILLION FINE (DOLS 450,000). BRITISH DIRECTOR OF LOCAL FISHING COMPANY TOLD EMBASSY THAT GOS CONFISCATED AND SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD TO LOCAL WHOLESALERS ENTIRE CATCH FROM TWO VESSELS AT BARGAIN PRICE OF CFA 7 (4 US CENTS) PER KILO, ABOUT ONE-TENTH MARKET VALUE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT BOATS CARRIED ABOUT 600 TONS OF FISH  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAKAR 05422 171739Z

TOTAL,ALTHOUGH THEY ARE BOTH IN 2,000-TON CLASS.

2. SOVIET UNION HAS BUNKERING/CREW CHANGE/LIGHT REPAIR AGREEMENT WITH SENEGAL BUT IS NOT ALLOWED TO FISH WITHIN 200-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT. EMBOFFS HAVE FREQUENTLY HEARD GOS COMPLAIN ABOUT SOVIET POACHING (REF A) AND IN LATE 1976 SENEGALESE PATROL

BOAT UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED CAPTURE OF SOVIET TRAWLERS (REF. B) US NAVAL OFFICERS WHO VISITED DAKAR IN FEBRUARY HAD SIGHTED SOVIETS FISHING WITHIN 200-MILE ZONE AND WE ARE CONVINCED SERIOUS POACHING TAKES PLACE. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT SOVIETS USE EXTREMELY FINE NETS (IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION) WHICH PICK UP LARGE QUANTITIES OF IMMATURE FISH, PRACTICE WHICH ACCELERATES DEPOPULATION OF SPECIES.

3. INCIDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY COVERAGE IN LOCAL MEDIA. SENEGAL RECEIVES CONSIDERABLE INCOME FROM SOVIET USE OF PORT SERVICES AND MAY PREFER TO COLLECT FINE QUIETLY TO AVOID UPSETTING CONTRACT. SOVIETS GENERALLY HAVE 10 TO 12 SHIPS IN DAKAR PORT AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND FACILITATE CREW CHANGES THROUGH TWO WEEKLY AEROFLOT FLIGHTS FROM MOSCOW, ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAKE DAKAR VITAL TO THEIR FISHING OPERATIONS. OUR GUESS IS SOVIETS WILL PAY FINE AND PROCEED WITH CAUTION. GALANTO

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SHIP DETENTION, FISHING BOATS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 jul 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978DAKAR05422  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780294-0227  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** DAKAR  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780754/aaaabt看p.tel  
**Line Count:** 81  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 82f77f72-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 DAKAR 2929, 76 DAKAR 8214  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1990311  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SENEGALESE SEIZE TWO SOVIET TRAWLERS  
**TAGS:** EFIS, PLOS, PINT, SG  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/82f77f72-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014